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San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council

Funding Plan Snapshot

July 2009 – June 2010

Regional Allocation: \$302,873

"All Arizona children birth through age five are afforded opportunities to achieve their maximum potential to succeed in school and life."

Identified Need	Strategy	Funding Level
Support for child rearing practices which are reflective of San Carlos Apache Tribal values.	<u>Strategy 1:</u> Develop and Implement Culturally Relevant Parent Education Curriculum The overall purpose of this strategy is to assist in strengthening families through the use of culturally centered child rearing practices for parents with young children. The curriculum will be researched and developed throughout the first two years, with implementation beginning by year three.	\$47,000
Coordinated efforts among early childhood service providers to provide for enhanced, effective, and collaborative family support and health services.	<u>Strategy 2:</u> Establish and Facilitate an Early Childhood Development and Health Collaborative The goal of the Early Childhood Development and Health Collaborative is to ensure that all families in the San Carlos region have the information and support they need to be effective parents by creating a coordinated network of services. Currently, the San Carlos community has no mechanism to identify and address gaps in service, reduce duplication, or to ensure that families are referred to the services that best fit their needs.	This strategy will be carried out without additional funding. Work will be accomplished through community participation and facilitation of the FTF Staff
Outreach, education and intervention on nutrition and prevention of childhood obesity and diabetes.	<u>Strategy 3:</u> Health Intervention—Implementation of interventions targeting nutrition, healthy weight and physical exercise into existing community services for children 0 to 5 The San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council has committed to a three year initiative designed to expand existing obesity prevention services to children ages three to five. This initiative will include a multi-faceted approach to improve	\$63,000

	children's nutrition, educate parents, mobilize pediatricians and other health care providers, involve schools and community organizations, and work with the local food industry.	
Increased Public Awareness of Early Childhood Issues, First Things First, and Career opportunities.	<u>Strategy 4:</u> Increase Early Childhood Development and Health Awareness through a Communications Campaign: also to serve as Career Recruitment Campaign The purpose of this strategy is to increase awareness about early childhood and early childhood development professions, First Things First, and programs and services available to families in the region.	\$11,000
Increased early care and education opportunities for children ages zero to five.	<u>Strategy 5:</u> Establish a Salary Incentive Program for Early Care and Education Staff First Things First policy staff is currently researching salary enhancement models, and the San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council looks forward to using the model as a guide for implementation in the San Carlos Region. However, if the model is not applicable in the region, the Regional Council would like to carry funds over until a more appropriate model can be established that will best serve our region.	\$10,000
Early screening for health and developmental delays for young children.	<u>Strategy 6:</u> Deliver Mobile Play-Based Screening and Intervention Activities A mobile unit will bring play-based activities to serve as parent education, outreach, facilitated family support, and child development screening to neighborhoods and communities in San Carlos.	\$153,000
Access to information about child development.	<u>Strategy 7:</u> Provide parent education resource through 100 Arizona Parent Kits for integration into existing parent support programs Through this strategy, the San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council will: 1) expand availability of parenting education to those areas and individuals who have limited access; and 2) expand home visiting programs that provide families with information and support before and after their child's birth.	\$5,500

First Things First State Funding will support these Strategies in the San Carlos Apache Region.

- Arizona Parent Kits -provided to each child born in Arizona (local delivery of kits will be distributed through the county birthing hospital and Tribal parent education programs).
- Quality First! -support for early care and education programs. Funding will provide coaching and improvement dollars to one child care center. Through this program participating program will also be eligible for scholarship support, and Child Care Health Consultation.

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